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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

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Title

ACCESS NODE FOR OPTICAL NETWORKS WITH VARIABLE-ACCESS WAVELENGTHS, USER DEVICE FOR CONNECTION TO SUCH AN ACCESS NODE, METHOD FOR FEEDING A NUMBER O SIGNALS FROM A NUMBER OF USERS INTO AN OPTICAL NETWORK AND USING AN ACCESS NODE AND AT LEAST ONE USER DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH A METHOD

1 sheet of formal drawings in triplicate.

A check in the amount of \$710.00 covering the filing fee.

Claim for Priority. Certified copy of the corresponding foreign patent application No. 100 04 290.2, filed February 1, 2000.

This application is being filed without a signed oath or declaration under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f). Applicants await notification of the date by which the oath or declaration and the surcharge are due, pursuant to this rule.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby given authority to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A. for any fees due or deficiencies of payments made for any purpose during the pendency of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted.

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